



You'll have a bit of a wide load

Both roomy and weatherproof



Night Cat Instant Popup Tent 2-3 persons £96.77

One year ON TEST

Welcome to my pop-up palace



Tested by Adam Oldfield for five camping trips

The Night Cat Instant Pop-Up tent is pitched mainly at campers but can be utilised by riders who want quick setup and plenty of living space. After a year of use spread over five camping trips, mostly by bike, it's proved easy to live with. When it comes to putting it up-, the pop-up

system feels mechanical rather than damped, though it's solid and dependable, making solo pitching effortless after a long ride.

Inside, there's ample room for two bikers and their kit without feeling hemmed in. Ventilation is excellent, and the generous internal height makes getting changed wrestle-free. Weather protection has been reliable through spring to autumn, coping well with heavy rain, although the

four-season label feels optimistic. The separate porch groundsheet is awkward, and its raised lip can be an annoying trip hazard. Packed down, the tent is lengthy too, stretching across the pillion seat and panniers on my Tiger 955i.

Overall, it's a roomy, convenient tent that offers great value, provided you can live with its bulk.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.nightcat.com

Oxford Roamer £199.99

Just right for roaming



Tested by Nye Davis for three months

From the off, my experience with Oxford's new 45-litre Roamer has been very positive. The UK-based firm are about as giant as biking kit brands get, and with that comes a certain reassurance of quality – and the Roamer has certainly lived up to that. It's flawlessly screwed together, the clasp is light yet positive to operate and very secure, and there's nothing to suggest anything but years of service are to come from the whole package.

It's waterproof and, like many 'adventure style' luggage systems, has fixing points for additional soft luggage on the exterior, such as Oxford's own £24.99 Roamer 15-litre roll bag. The interior is lined with a removable neoprene cushioned layer. The lid, meanwhile, features a handy removable zip-up storage panel, which I've found ideal for carting around a laptop.

The 45-litre version tested here is plenty big enough to fit a single full-face lid, while the larger 65-litre version – yours for an extra 50 quid – can stow two helmets. I've been testing this one on my around-town runabout Suzuki VanVan, for which



Doing the shopping VanVan style

the 45-litre has proven perfectly sized and more than capable of swallowing several days' worth of shopping on the supermarket run. The bigger Roamer topbox would be perfect on a tourer, though.

Although not included in the £199.99 asking price, I've also been using the padded

Roamer 45-litre Grab Bag – retailing at £39.99 – and as you'd expect, it fits perfectly, allowing you to easily carry everything off

the bike in one go thanks to its double carry strap or single detachable shoulder strap system.

Although not as pricey as some options, the Roamer isn't exactly bargain-basement priced. Despite this, Oxford have opted to make the Roamer a bolt-on design rather than use a tool-free clasp system, meaning that you'll need to break out the Allen keys to remove it (still only a two-minute operation). It's a minor gripe, especially if you have the above-mentioned Grab Bag, but I can't help but feel as though it's cost-cutting limiting what is an otherwise excellent product.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com

3 months ON TEST

Clarke MCD1 dolly £131.98

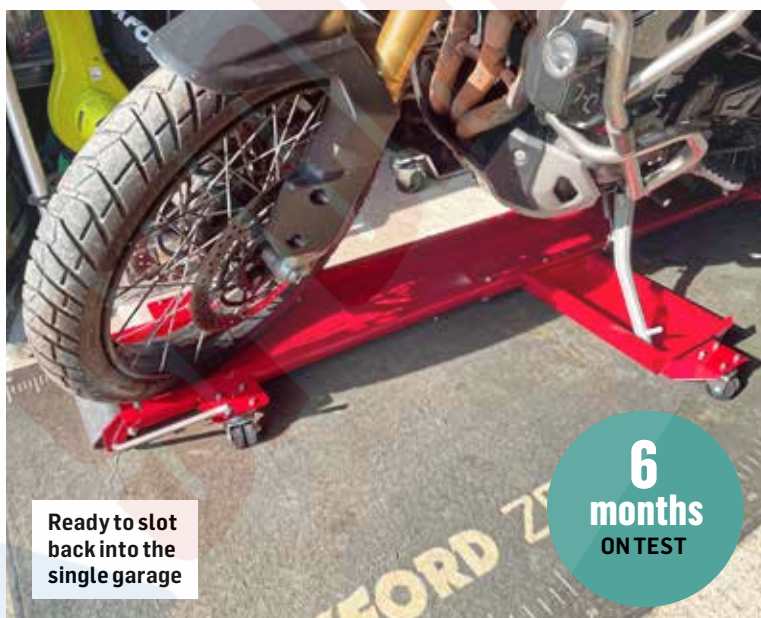
Dolly's a handy drifter



Tested by Richard Newland for six months

If your garage is a bit of tight squeeze, moving your bike(s) around on a dolly can be very useful indeed. I slot four bikes across the width of a single garage, and using a dolly means I can slide them in and out of place like drawers, allowing them to be packed in tight.

While most dollies require having a main centrestand on your bike, this Clarke item is designed to offer all the same balletic flexibility for bikes that only have a sidestand. It comes in kit form, and takes about 30mins to bolt it all together, then you're ready to roll... literally. One simply flips the little brake/ramp down at one end and roll your bike onto the all-steel construction dolly – then



Ready to slot back into the single garage

6 months ON TEST

flip the brake/ramp back up, and place the drop-in bar back into place to prevent the bike being able to roll off. At this point, you can spin your bike on the spot through a full 360 degrees, and roll in any direction you want to on its broad footprint of heavy-duty coasters. It's solid

(30kg), stable, and secure – and can work with bikes up to a claimed 567kg. When not in use, its flat profile means it can be tucked out of the way. Obviously you will need a nice flat and smooth garage floor.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.machinemart.co.uk



Nice but the pocket is small

1100 miles ON TEST

Richa CRGO rucksack £39.99

Stash those essentials



Tested by Charlotte King for three months

This rucksack has been ideal as a day bag for bringing my laptop to the office or carrying water when I was out riding off-road in Portugal. The mesh padding that sits against your back stops you from getting sweaty and the chest strap makes the load comfortable to bear all day. It has

proven to be waterproof in the rain, but I tested it further when an entire bottle of water spilled out inside and none escaped. The front pocket is handy for my office pass however, I do wish it was larger as it is too tight to get your hand in (and I only have small hands!). It would also benefit from a bottle pocket to make it easier to take a swig on the go.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.nevis.uk.com